

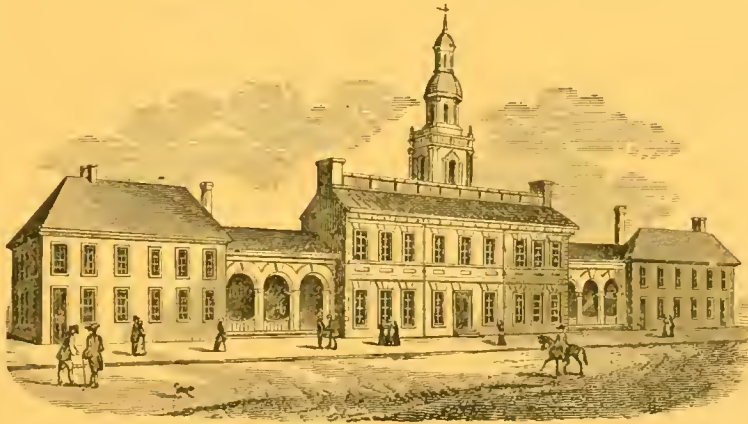
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The  
Centennial Memorial  
of  
American  
Independence



INDEPENDENCE HALL, 1789.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.



Compiled by

John W. Woodside,

Chairman of Executive Committee.





**HISTORY**  
OF THE  
*(Movement to erect, in Philadelphia,)*  
**MEMORIAL**  
OF  
The First Century of  
**American Independence,**  
AND THE  
**RESOLUTIONS**  
OF THE  
*(Governors of the Thirteen)*  
Original States.





## The Governors

of the several States who were present in Philadelphia during the time of the Constitutional Centennial in September, 1887, held several meetings for the purpose of devising some plan to erect in Philadelphia a permanent and fitting memorial, to commemorate the great events in the History of the United States of America in the first One Hundred years of American Independence under a written Constitution, and appointed a Committee with **Gov. James A. Beaver of Penna. as Chairman**, to take this matter into further consideration.

On the 7th. day of February 1888, The Legislature of New Jersey adopted a joint resolution, offered by Mr. Gardner, entitled "Joint Resolution in reference to the closing of the first One Hundred years of Constitutional Government in the United States of America."

**BE IT RESOLVED**

by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey,  
That the congress of the United States be requested,  
as a mark of gratitude and respect to the men  
who founded this republic, to erect a monument  
in Fairmount park, in the city of Philadel-  
phia, where the one hundredth anniversary of  
the declaration of American independence was  
celebrated and officially participated in by all  
nations, to signalize and perpetuate that event  
in the world's history, the monument to bear the  
names of the signers of the declaration of inde-  
pendence, the names of the framers of the con-  
stitution of the United States, and also the  
names of the representatives of foreign govern-  
ments to the centennial celebration of one thou-  
sand eight hundred and seventy six, who gave  
to this country as perpetual souvenirs, to be  
preserved in the Smithsonian institute, the  
insignia of their various governments at the  
centennial.

**AND WHEREAS,** *It is important that the original thirteen states who laid the foundation of our government should take the initiative in preserving the recollection of historical events; therefore;*

*Be it resolved, That the Governor of this state be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the executives of each of the states, and request them to be present, in person or by delegate, and that a day be mutually agreed upon to meet the citizens of New York for the purpose of memorializing congress upon this subject.*

*In pursuance to these resolutions a meeting of the Governors or representatives of the Thirteen original States was held at Carpenters Hall in the city of Philadelphia, on the Twenty-eighth day of April 1888. The following Gentlemen were present:—*

Hon. Robt. S. Green, Governor of New Jersey.  
 " E. S. Sawyer, " " New Hampshire,  
 " E. F. Jones, Lt. " " New York,  
 Col. J. R. Lipscomb, Representing South Carolina,  
 Maj. E. S. Stringfellow, " Virginia,  
 Rev. Chas. A. Hoyt, D. D. " Georgia,  
 Hon. E. F. Jackson, Governor of Maryland.  
 " Jas. A. Beaver, " " Pennsylvania,  
 " B. F. Biggs, " " Delaware,  
 " J. W. Davis, " " Rhode Island,  
 " J. L. Howard, Lt. " " Connecticut,  
 Representing North Carolina,

This meeting was called to order by Gov.  
 Jas. A. Beaver, and a permanent organiza-  
 tion effected by the election of Gov. Robt. S. Green,  
 Chairman, and Hampton L. Carson, Esq. of  
 Philadelphia, Secretary.

The Committee on Resolutions, Gov. Biggs,  
 Chairman, Gov. Beaver, Gov. Sawyer, Lt. Gov. Jones,  
 Rev. Hoyt and Gov. Davis, reported the following,  
 which was unanimously adopted:—





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GOVERNORS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THIRTEEN ORIGINAL STATES,  
At Carpenters' Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., April 28, 1888.



## WHEREAS,

The people of the Colonial States selected representatives and designated the City of Philadelphia as the place of their meeting to consider the grievances and wrongs imposed upon them by the mother country, the ultimatum of which was the Declaration of Independence, adopted in the City of Philadelphia, secured by the force of arms and finally ratified and confirmed upon the field of Yorktown, where the Government of the United States has erected a suitable commemorative monument;

And Whereas, the end of war left anarchy and discord among the people as to a form of government, they again selected representatives and named the City of Philadelphia as their place of gathering, when they, under trials and tribulations, prepared a Constitution which was submitted to, and accepted by the people;

And Whereas,

Its test of One Hundred years, under all the trying circumstances incident to the existence of a nation, is a verification of their wisdom, justice, and clemency, and is the admiration, today, of the civilized world,

Therefore be it Resolved,

That we, the Governors of the Thirteen Colonial States, in meeting assembled, at the Hall of the Carpenters Company in the City of Philadelphia, do hereby express our sense of duty to call upon the National Government and the various States and Territories of the Union to make suitable appropriations to a fund to be dedicated to the building of a grand national monument, commemorative of the framing and adoption of the Constitution of the United States, to be erected within the limits of the City of Philadelphia—the birthplace of independence and the Federal Union—said monument to bear



**The names** of the signers of the Declaration of Independence in their autographs, and of the framers of the Constitution. Also the names of the official representatives of all governments who were present in Philadelphia in 1876 to participate in celebrating the One Hundredth anniversary of American Independence.

**Resolved,** That, as Philadelphia was the place where all the governments of the earth were invited to participate in said celebration by the Government of the United States under whose auspices the celebration was held, it is but justice to the City of Philadelphia on the part of the United States Government to appropriate, by an Act of Congress, the sum that was loaned to the Centennial Commission by the Government, but repaid by the citizens of Philadelphia.

**Resolved** that the Governors of the Thirteen original States appoint a Commissioner from each State to co-operate with the citizens of

<sup>in the</sup>  
**New York**, in their proposition to fifty  
& celebrate the centennial celebration  
of the Inauguration of George Washington  
as the first President of the United States,  
and to invite co-operation on the part of all  
the Sister States and Territories.

Now we, the undersigned Ex Governors  
and Governors of the Thirteen original States,  
heretby reaffirm our entire approval of the  
above Resolutions.

Benjamin F Biggs Gov of Delaware  
James M. Smith Governor of Pennsylvania.

Wm. T. Green Governor of New Jersey  
J. T. Gordon Governor of Georgia

P. L. Lounsbury Governor of Conn  
Oliver Ames Governor of Massachusetts

Edw. E. Jackson Governor of Maryland

Fitzhugh Lee Governor of Virginia

Charles H. Crary Governor of New Hampshire

W. T. Richardson Governor of South Carolina

David B. Hill Governor of New York

J. M. Pease Governor of North Carolina  
Royal C. Taft Governor of Rhode Island

I fully expect my name may appear  
which keeps in the hands of our citizens the same and  
circumstances of our beginning as a Nation

Essex, England

7. 7. May 1889 -  
Secretary of State

Charles S. Fairbanks  
Secretary of the Treasury

Mr. Endicott

Secretary of War

W. B. Whitney

Feb 1889. Secy of the Navy

Com. D. McKim

Postmaster Genl

A. H. Garland, atty Genl

Mr. Kilas

Secretary of the Interior

Norman J. Colman Secy. Agl.

## Endorsement of Resolutions.

We the undersigned Senators and Representatives of the Thirteen original States, Members of the 50th. Congress, which closes the First Century of Constitutional Government of the United States, do hereby heartily and cordially endorse the sentiments expressed in the foregoing resolutions adopted by the Governors of our Respective States, at a meeting held at Carpenters Hall, in the City of Philadelphia, on the 28th. day of April 1888.

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Del.

El. Saulsbury  
U. S. Senator Del.  
Geo. Gray U. S. Senator Del.  
John B. Pinniger <sup>McG.</sup> Delaware

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Pa.

Edw. S. Lancaster U. S. Senator  
Henry Louisa  
Wm. S. Lacey U. S. Senator,  
Pennsylvania  
Edw. S. Carpenter Pennsylvania,  
Henry W. Tamm  
Chas. A. Smith

Sam. Handale

Wm D. Hilly

A. C. Garner

Amelia Darlington

Robert M. Gardley

Chas. W. Bunn

Jno. A. Kierland

Wm. H. Scowden

L. R. Buckalew

Shubynck

Francis Bond

Louis E. Atkinson

W. 18th Penna. Dist.

Wm. C. McCombs

Edw. T. Senter

F. C. Sumner

Shunkhamock Penna.

Feri Marsh

Geo. Paton

Wm. McCulloch

John D. B. B. B.

Thos. M. B. B.

Dear Jackson

W. S. B. B.

Norman Hall



N.J.

Wm. P. Henson Esq. Ind.  
F. B. Rogers U.S. Senator N.J.  
Geo. H. Kent M.C. 1<sup>st</sup> N.J. Dist.  
James Buchanan M.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> N.J. Dist.  
John Kean Jr. M.C. 3<sup>rd</sup> Dist. of New Jersey  
Herman Leitch M.C. 6<sup>th</sup> Dist. of New Jersey  
James L. Biddick M.C. 4<sup>th</sup> Dist. of New Jersey  
G. Walter Phelps M.C. 5<sup>th</sup> Dist. of N.J.  
Wm. L. Adoo M.C. 7<sup>th</sup> Dist. of New Jersey

Ga. Jos. E. Brown and Georgia  
Alfred Holguete U.S. S. Georgia  
D. H. Woodward 1<sup>st</sup> Dist. Ga.  
H. J. Sumner M.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Dist. Ga.  
Charles McKim American Georgia  
John B. Stewart M.C. 3<sup>rd</sup> Dist. Ga.  
Giffin Ga.

James H. Blount - Macon Ga.  
Jackson C. Chattahoochee 5<sup>th</sup> Dist. Ga.  
H. Carlton 7<sup>th</sup> Dist. Ga.  
Allen D. Cammiller 9<sup>th</sup> Dist. Ga.  
Geo. J. Burns M.C. 10<sup>th</sup> Dist. Ga.  
Thos. A. Spruill Columbus, Ga.

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Ant. Kunch 2<sup>nd</sup> Dist.

Charles A. Ruel 3<sup>rd</sup> Dist.

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A. J. Davis 1<sup>st</sup> Dist.

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Wm. T. Hall

Edw. T. Hall

E. S. Hayden

Henry C. L. Loefer

W. B. Bessell

Chas. H. Allen

E. Burnett

John E. Russell

William Whitney

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U. S. Senator from Virginia

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U. S. Senator

2<sup>nd</sup> Dist Va

George

3<sup>rd</sup> Dist Va

W. L. Garrison

4<sup>th</sup> Dist Va

John R. Brown 5<sup>th</sup> Dist Va

W. S. Hopkins Virginia

Wm. C. C. Small

W. H. Lee

B. Brown

J. Post.



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N. S. Senator, New Hampshire

W. E. Chandler

U. S. Senator, New Hampshire

L. H. McKimney

2<sup>nd</sup> J. V. Gallinger  
New Hampshire

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U. S. S. of South Carolina

Trade Hampton

U. S. S. S. C.

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J. H. C. Maffitt  
W. F. Fiske  
J. H. C. Fiske  
David Wicker

Milton DeLano 26 N.Y.  
Madisonport 29 N.Y.  
Thomas J. Flood, 28 alias New York

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 John M. Fitzgerald 32<sup>nd</sup> Dist. N. Y. 33<sup>rd</sup> Dist

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J. M. Simmons 2<sup>nd</sup> N. C. Dist  
 C. W. M. Clammy 3<sup>rd</sup> Dist N. C.  
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 J. M. Brewer 5<sup>th</sup> N. C. Dist  
 Alfred Rowland 6<sup>th</sup> N. C. Dist  
 John S. Henderson 7<sup>th</sup> " "  
 Wright Leggett 8<sup>th</sup> N. C. "  
 Thos. S. Johnston

R.I.

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Jonathan Leach N. C. from Rhode Island  
 H. J. Spooner N. C. from R. I.  
 W. O. Fennell Rhode Island

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Raleigh, August 21<sup>st</sup> 1889

Gov. Robert S. Green,  
Chairman, &c.,

Dear Sir:

Although not in office at the inception of the effort to properly commemorate the Centennial Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the first 100 years of the Constitutional history of the United States by proper memorial to be erected at Philadelphia, I yet deem it my duty to record my cordial endorsement of the action of my predecessor and your honorable committee in starting such a patriotic enterprise. Regarding Philadelphia as the birthplace of American constitutional liberty, embodied in the glorious Declaration of Independence, it will be a matter of peculiar gratification to myself to aid in the erection of a national monument so as to disclose to posterity the opinion which we at the end of the first century of our country's history entertain of our heroic Revolutionary ancestry.

Very Truly Yours,

Dan. F. Bowles Governor



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# State of Vermont

## Executive Chamber

Brandon, October 1<sup>st</sup> 1888.

Hon. Robt. S. Green  
Chairman of the Committee of  
Governors of the 13 Original States.

My Dear Sir,

It affords me great pleasure  
to endorse the sentiments expressed in the resolutions of the Governors  
of the 13 Original States in regard to the sanction in Philadelphia,  
the birth place of National Independence, and the Constitution, a  
grand Memorial of the great events that transpired in the first  
Century of the National life of the United States of America, so  
that future generations may the better remember and appreciate  
the inexorable importance of these events.

I am Sir,

Respectfully Yours,

Ebenezer J. Dunshee

Governor of Vermont.



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

FRANKFORT, May 24<sup>th</sup> 1889.

Governor Robt. S. Green,  
New Jersey, N. J.  
Dear Sir,

The object sought to be  
attained by the Governors of the Western Colonial  
States, to commemorate by a suitable monument  
to be erected in the City of Philadelphia, the  
Centennial year of the existence of the Constitution  
of the United States, should meet with the  
approbation of every patriot and commands  
my hearty concurrence.

Respectfully & Truly Yours,

A. M. Greathouse,

Governor of Kentucky.



*Executive Office*  
*Nashville, Tenn.* June 29. 1889

Dictated.

Governor Robert S. Green,  
Chairman, etc.,  
Trenton,  
N. J.

Sir :

I desire sincerely to commend the purpose to erect a Memorial of the first Century of American Independence at Philadelphia, to be a lasting and ineffaceable monument of the appreciation of, and devotion to liberty and free government of the people who witnessed the accomplishment of its first century.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant

Governor.



STATE OF OHIO.

## Executive Department.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR.

*Columbus.* Apr. 3rd, 1839.

His Excellency,  
Hon. Robert S. Green,  
Governor of New Jersey, Chairman, etc.,  
Trenton, N. J.

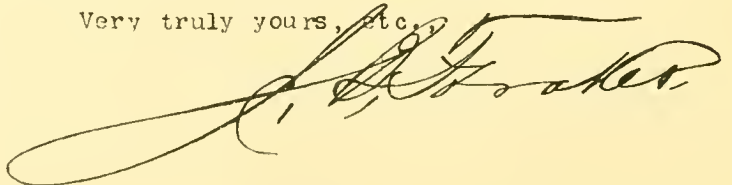
My dear sir:--

I address you to acknowledge the receipt of the facsimile copy of the book containing the history of the movement to erect in Philadelphia, the birthplace of American Independence and the Constitution, a grand memorial monument to commemorate the great events of the first century of American Independence under the Constitution, and the resolutions of the Governors of the Thirteen original states on the subject, and to express approval of the same.

The movement is one that appeals to the patriotic sentiments of the country and is well calculated to increase that jealous regard the American people should have for their institutions.

I sincerely hope it may be entirely successful.

Very truly yours, etc.,

A large, flowing handwritten signature in dark ink, likely belonging to J. A. Foster, written over the typed name.

Dictated)





*Indianapolis Dec 26<sup>th</sup> 1888*

*Hon. Robert S. Green,*

*Chairman of Committee*

*of Governors of the 13 Original States,*

*My dear Sir:*

*It is with pleasure that I avail myself of the privilege extended to express my approval of the patriotic sentiments and purpose expressed in the resolutions, adopted by the Governors of the Thirteen Original States in relation to the erection in the City of Philadelphia, the place of the birth of our National Independence and adoption of the Constitution of the Union, of a grand*



Indianapolis. \_\_\_\_\_ 188.

Memorial Monument Commemorative of  
the great events that transpired during  
the first century of the National existence  
of the United States of America I am in  
heartly accord with the movement, that  
the mighty deeds done in behalf of human  
liberty and right of man to self government  
by the men and women of that period  
may be perpetuated in the memory  
of the generations that are to come

Very Respectfully

Isaac P. Gray



*Little Rock!* \_\_\_\_\_ 188\_\_

Governor Robert S. Green,

Chairman of Committee of Governors,

Trenton, New Jersey.

Dear Sir :

The Divine hand guided in the discovery of this Continent, and Supreme Wisdom sat in council when this Government of ours was established. No other form of Government is at all comparable with it, and no other is or ought to be as near and dear to the hearts of the people, for its humble citizen may aspire to become its Chief head. This possibility is calculated to arouse every noble impulse and stimulate every element of man's nature to its loftiest ambition. Here we are in fact "the architects of our own fortunes", and, by persistent, well directed efforts, may rise from low estate to the most exalted position. I heartily approve of your plan of keeping vividly before the people the time and circumstances of the beginning of this Union of States.

With great respect, I am,

Very truly,

Your obedient servant,

*James S. Bagle*  
Governor.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,  
Michigan.

(Dictated)

Lansing, August 21, 1889.

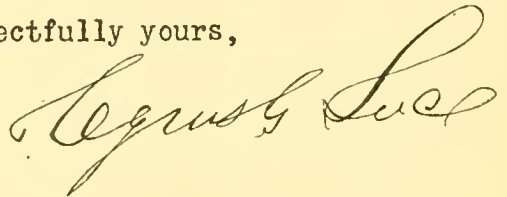
Gov. Robert S. Green,

Trenton, New Jersey.

Dear Sir :

I heartily sympathize with any measure that will perpetuate the memory of the wisdom and patriotism of the founders of this Republic. The men who risked their lives and their fortunes to establish and maintain the American system of government are entitled to the gratitude of the sons and daughters of this Republic, and their heroic deeds may well be engraven on enduring granite. And while Philadelphia has claims, yet my own judgment is that the monument should be erected in the City of Washington, the place long since designated as the seat of government.

Very respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Legrand Rice". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Legrand Rice".

Governor.

Executive Department.

Indianapolis Ind. March 18<sup>th</sup> 1859

Hon Robert S. Green,  
Chairman of Committee of Governors  
Benton Mo. -

My Dear Sir; I have the honor to  
acknowledge the receipt of your  
letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> ultimo in regard to  
to the erection of a Grand Memorial  
Monument at Philadelphia Pa, to  
Commemorate the birth place of  
American Independence -

It gives me pleasure to assure  
you, that the movement in relation  
to this patriotic undertaking, meets  
my most cordial approbation

Yours Truly  
Abm J. Corey  
Governor



*State of Florida*

*Executive Office*

*Tallahassee.*

April 1. 1889.

HIS EXCELLENCY,

ROBERT S. GREEN,

My Dear Sir :-

Governor of New Jersey.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a fac simile copy of the book containing a history of the movement to erect in Philadelphia, the birth place of American Independence and the Constitution, a grand memorial monument to commemorate the great events of the first century of American Independence under the Constitution, and the resolutions of the Governors of the thirteen original States on this subject, and also your esteemed favor of the 4th of February last inviting an official letter from me indorsing the resolutions.

Permit me to offer my sincere thanks for the valuable book and your kind courteous letter.

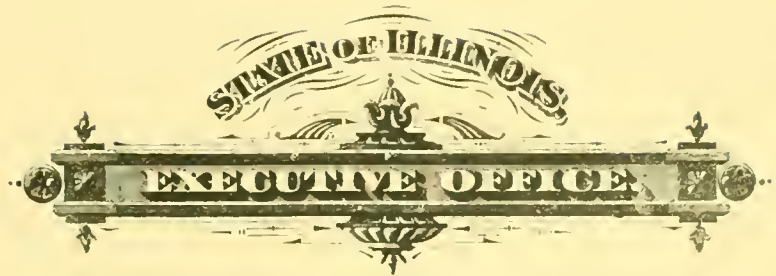
I avail myself with great pleasure of the opportunity afforded me of thus expressing my hearty indorsement and approval of the resolutions and the work therein indicated, which I have done in the accompanying paper herewith enclosed.

I am with great respect,

Your obedient servant,

*Francis P. Fleming*  
*Governor of Florida*





*Encl. letter*

SPRINGFIELD.

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JOHN W. WOODSIDE, Esq.,

135 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir :

It would be an admirable exhibition of patriotism to erect in Philadelphia a suitable memorial commemorative of the two great historical facts of the eighteenth century which gave birth to our Nation.

Yours, respectfully,

*Richard J. Oglesby*



State of Florida

Executive Office

Tallahassee, April 1 1889

Having read the preamble and resolutions adopted at a meeting of the Governors of the original thirteen States, held at Philadelphia, on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 1888, with a view of providing a permanent and fitting Memorial to commemorate the great events of the history of the United States of America, in the first one hundred years of American Independence, under a written Constitution, I desire to express my hearty endorsement and approval of the same.

The experience of a Century has demonstrated the wisdom of the framers of the Constitution, and the fact that a strict adherence to the same is the best safeguard against oppression, and the surest guaranty of liberty. A fitting monument emblematic of our governmental structure and illustrative of the great events of the first Century of its existence, is a work which must commend itself to the approbation of every patriot throughout the land.

James P. Fleming Governor





State of Florida

Executive Office

Tallahassee, Dec 28<sup>th</sup> 1858

Hon Robt. J. Green

Chairman of Committee of  
Governors of the 13 original States

My dear Sir

Permit me to express

my hearty endorsement of the  
sentiments expressed by the resolutions  
adopted by the Governors of the  
13 original States in regard to  
the action in Philadelphia the  
birth place of American Independence  
and of our National Constitution  
- of a Grand Memorial of the  
great events that transpired during the



State of Florida

Executive Office.

Tallahassee, \_\_\_\_\_ 1883

first Century of the life of the  
United States of America - that  
future generations may be reminded  
not only of the patriotism of the  
Fathers of the Republic but also of  
the appreciation in which their deeds  
are held by the present possessors  
of the glorious heritage handed down  
to them

I have the honor to be  
With Sentiments of high esteem  
Very Truly Yours  
Edw. Perry  
Governor of Florida

Governor.  
EDWIN C. BURLEIGH, Augusta  
E. C. STEVENS, Private Secretary

Secretary of State  
ORAMANDAL SMITH, Augusta



Councillors  
SILAS C. HATCH, Bangor,  
TOBIAS LORD, Standish,  
(P. O. Address, Steep Falls,)  
A. L. LUMBERT, Houlton,  
JAMES F. BRACKETT, Lirnington  
STEPHEN W. CARR, Bowdoinham  
D. W. ALLEN, Fairfield,  
WILLIAM T. COBB, Rockland.

Council Chamber.

Messenger  
C. J. HOUSE, Augusta

Augusta April 22, 1887.

Governor Robert S. Green,

New Jersey,

My dear Sir:

I have the honor to receive "a fac-simile copy of the book containing a history of the movement to erect in Philadelphia a grand Memorial Monument to commemorate the great events of the first Century of American Independence under the Constitution, and the resolutions of the Governors of the Thirteen original States on this subject," and asking from me a letter of endorsement of these resolutions.

In answer I beg leave to reply, that I fully sympathize with this proposed effort of the Governors of the Thirteen original States and cordially endorse their forenamed resolutions. The Declaration of American Independence is justly regarded as one of the most important

Governor:  
EDWIN C BURLEIGH, Augusta  
P C STEVENS, Private Secretary



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Council Chamber,

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ORAMANDAL SMITH, Augusta

Messenger  
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events in the moral and political history of the world. It not only announced the birth of a new nation under very remarkable circumstances, but it was a bold and comprehensive assertion of principles of which mankind were in need, and which were destined to have an immense influence in the political affairs of men. As a clear, strong statement of the doctrine of Human Rights and of republican government, it has never been surpassed, and its influence on the peoples of the two Americas and of Europe has already been very great, and will probably be more potent in the future than in the Century which has passed. The adoption of the Federal Constitution was a fitting sequence of the Declaration of Independence, and they are properly associated as the work of an extraordinary body of men who had the sagacity and foresight

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to comprehend that Liberty is beneficial to nations only as it is operated through the forms and agencies of law.

To permanently and forever unite the several States in a solid and enduring Union, for the purpose of securing the blessings already achieved, and to form one Nation with a government sufficiently strong to defend itself against domestic and foreign <sup>enemies</sup> ~~enemies~~ it was necessary to have a Constitution embodying the highest political wisdom evolved from the experience of preceding times. Fortunate for all Countries seeking the blessings of civil liberty and of democratic government, the illustrious men who had announced and won our national independence under the lead of Washington, were able to formulate and carry into effect the Constitution, and thus complete the work which



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they had begun amid doubts and perils. These two great achievements, which have been so fruitful of remarkable events in our last Century of history, are identified with the city of Philadelphia in a striking manner. It is well that a movement is successfully being made to appropriately commemorate the erection of "a Grand Memorial Monument in the birth-place of American Independence and of the Constitution" in honor of the great events of the first Century under the last named instrument, and it is well that New Jersey assumes the lead in this patriotic undertaking. The people of Maine earnestly sympathize with whatever efforts are being made in this regard, and as their Chief Magistrate at the present time I send cordial greeting to the Governor of New Jersey the Chairman of Committee of the Governors

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of the original Thirteen States, engaged in this  
wisely conceived and patriotic effort.

I am, Very respectfully Yours,

Edwin C. Burleigh

IOWA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE,  
DES MOINES

March 18, 1889.

Hon. Robert S. Green,  
Trenton, New Jersey.

Dear Governor :

Every patriotic American will approve of the proposition to erect a Grand National Monument commemorative of the framing and adoption of the Constitution of the United States. Such monuments are public educators, teaching in silent language lessons of loyalty and patriotism to this and every future generation. There can be no doubt of the propriety of making appropriations of public money for such a purpose.

Yours truly,

*W. L. Harrison*



State of Colorado  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Hon Robt. I Green

DENVER Jan 1 1889

Chairman Com of Governors of  
the 13 original States

Dear Sir -

The heroism and sacrifice  
of the original thirteen States should  
never be forgotten - As long as our  
country remembers and is proud of the  
valorous days and brave deeds of  
our patriotic ancestors, so long  
will be defended and preserved  
the liberty which their achievements  
secured and the <sup>Constitutional</sup> Government - which  
their wisdom founded.

I therefore endorse with much satisfaction  
the resolutions which look to the  
founding of a grand and permanent-  
memorial that will commemorate the  
sublime and heroic infancy of our  
nation

Truly Yours

Alva Adams  
Governor of Colorado

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER

MADISON, WIS.

March 18<sup>th</sup> 1889.

Hon. Robt L. Green,

Chairman Committee of Governors,  
Trenton, N.J.

DEAR Sir

It gives me pleasure to endorse the sentiments expressed in the resolutions of the Governors of the 13 original States, for the erection in Philadelphia, the birth-place of the National Constitution, of a grand Memorial of the great events that transpired in the first century of our existence as a Nation.

Yours Very Truly,

William D. Hoard  
Governor of Wisconsin

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER

MADISON, WIS.

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 1888

Hon. Asst. Secy

Chairman of Committee of Governors of  
the 13 original States.

My dear Sir

It affords me great pleasure to endorse the sentiments  
expressed in the resolutions of the Governors of the 13  
original States in regard to the meeting in Philadelphia,  
the birthplace of National independence and the Constitution,  
of a grand memorial of the great events that transpired in the  
first century of the National life of the United States of America, so  
that future generations may see

Yours Very Truly

J. M. Rusk  
Governor of Wisconsin



# STATE OF MISSOURI

## Executive Department.

City of Jefferson, December 25<sup>th</sup> 1888

Hon Robt L. Green

Chairman of the Committee of Governors  
of the 13 Original States

My Dear Sir

It affords me great pleasure, on this, the Anniversary of him, who did more than ever was accomplished before, for the happiness of humanity; to endorse the sentiment expressed in the resolutions of the governors of the 13 original states, in regard to the erection in Philadelphia, the birth-place of National Independence and the Constitution, a grand Monument of the great events that transpired in the first Century of the National life of the United States, of America, as a memorial to the second greatest event that has blessed humanity, in the history of the world

Respectfully

Albert P. Monroe  
Governor of Missouri

Hon Robt J. Green  
Chairman of Committee of Governors  
of the 13 Original States

My dear Sir,

It affords me great pleasure to  
endorse the sentiments expressed  
in the resolutions of the Governors  
of the 13 Original States in regard  
to the erection in Philadelphia the birth  
place of National Independence and  
the Constitution, a grand Memorial  
of the great events that transpired  
in the first Century of the national life  
of the United States of America, so that  
future generations may see &c &c &c

Wm. M. Gill,

Governor of Minnesota

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STATE OF KANSAS.

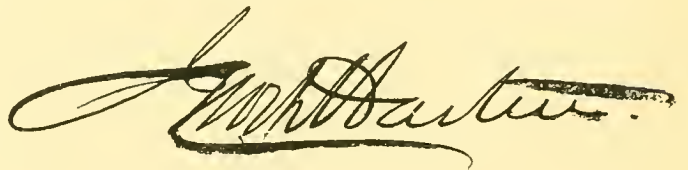
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Topeka, December 28, 1888.

Hon. Robert S. Green,  
Chairman of Committee,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

My Dear Sir : The suggestions embodied in the resolutions of the Governors of the thirteen original States, recommending the erection, in Philadelphia, of a National Memorial Monument, certainly meets my hearty approval. It is eminently proper that such a memorial should be erected in the City of Philadelphia, the birth-place of National Independence as well as of our Constitution. A monument, such as is proposed in the resolutions referred to, would be a suggestive memorial of the great events of the first century of our National life as well as an inspiration to all future generations of Americans. And I have no doubt the suggestion will be heartily approved by the people of the United States.

Yours, very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. W. Foster". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.



# State of West Virginia,

Executive Department.

E. W. Wilson,  
Governor.

Charleston, Dec. 24, 1888

His Excellency,  
Robert D. Green,  
Govr. N.J., Chm., &c,  
My Dear Sir,

I heartily approve the movement for the erection of a monument, in commemoration of the noted events, in the history of the First Century of American Independence.

Without a rival amongst the nations of the earth, in the breadth and security of civil liberty; in the growth of population; in the advancement of material prosperity, and the happiness and contentment of the people, it is peculiarly fitting, that ~~that~~ the first Century of Constitutional Government should

# State of West Virginia,

Executive Department.

E. W. Wilson,

Governor.

Charleston, \_\_\_\_\_ 1885

be a monumental witness of  
our gratitude to Almighty God,  
our veneration for the sages and  
heroes of the Republic, and our  
appreciation of the great events  
of the first Century of the People's  
Government.

Yours Obedt. Servt.,  
E. W. Wilson,  
Governor W. Va.



# State of Nebraska



*Lincoln*

June 13, 1889.

Hon. R. S. Green,

Governor, etc.,

Trenton, N. J.

My Dear Sir :

I write to say that I fully endorse the resolutions adopted at the meeting of the Governors of the thirteen original States, relating to the erection in Philadelphia of a Grand Memorial Monument to commemorate the great events of the first century of American Independence, and of the Constitution, and express my hearty sympathy with the movement.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully yours,

*John M. Shayer*  
*Governor*

# Executive Department

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.

Carson City, Nevada, May 27 1889.

Governor Robert S. Green  
Chairman of Committee of Governors

Dear Sir

I cheerfully endorse the patriotic sentiment of the American People, to erect in Philadelphia, the birth place of American Independence, a suitable Monument commemorative of the great events of the first Century. Let it be erected in Fairmount Park, where was celebrated the promulgation of the Declaration of American Independence in 1876. Here stands Memorial Hall dedicated by the States of this Union as a monument of one hundred years progress. No more suitable <sup>place</sup> can be selected for such a work. The name will stand foremost in the history of our Country.

I am Yours Truly  
C. C. Stevenson  
Governor

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR.

Prescott, Arizona, *April 3<sup>d</sup>* 188*9*

Gov Robt. S. Gorrie  
Chairman of the Council of Governors  
Ind. Inf.

Dear Sir  
I fully endorse the  
Sentiments expressed in the resolution  
adopted by the Governors of the  
thirteen original states

Very Truly Yours.

C. Meyer Frazier  
Governor of Arizona

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH,

March 20<sup>th</sup> 1889

Governor Robert S. Green  
Chairman of Committee of Governors.  
Trenton: New Jersey.

Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge yours dated  
February 4<sup>th</sup> with enclosure.

The movement to  
Commemorate, and perpetuate in enduring form  
The history of the great events of the first  
Century of American Independence under the  
Constitution, meets my full approval. I  
heartily endorse the Resolutions of the  
Governors of the Thirteen original States  
in furtherance of the patriotic purpose.

I am persuaded that so worthy an  
object, must secure favorable action from  
our Legislative Assembly when it again  
convenes

Very Respectfully Your obedient Servant  
Caleb W. Wash  
Governor of Utah Territory



Territory of Montana



Executive Office.

Helena, Montana.

26 March 1889.

Hon Robt S. Green

Governor of the State  
of New Jersey and  
Chairman of  
Committee of Governors.

Sir I am  
in receipt of your letter and  
fac simile copy of the book  
containing a history of the  
movement to erect in Phila  
delphia the birthplace of  
American Independence and  
the Constitution, a grand memo  
rial monument to comm  
emorate the great events  
of the first Century of American  
Independence under the Con  
stitution, and the Resolutions

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of the Governors of the thirteen original States on this subject.

In your letter transmitting this copy you advise me that "There has been space assigned in the book for a letter of endorsement of these Resolutions from the Governor of each State and Territory." In answer I do most ~~cheerfully~~ willingly say.

Representing a people zealously laying the foundations of a State worthy the Companionship of the original thirteen and all their Associates Great Commonwealths, I certainly

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express their patriotic  
opinions when I say,  
Montana Approves your  
Resolution to build a  
Monument befitting the  
Nations Origin and the  
History of its first  
Century.

I have the honor  
to be your most  
Obedt Servt  
Preston M. Leslie  
Governor of  
Montana

WASHINGTON TERRITORY,  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE,  
OLYMPIA

Robt. S. Green, Esq.,

March 23, 1889.

Chairman, Committee of Governors,

Trenton, N. J.

Sir :

I most heartily  
indorse the resolutions adopted by the assemblage of Governors of  
the thirteen original States of the American Union, at Carpenter's  
Hall in the City of Philadelphia, 28th April, 1888.

I think that monuments commemorating events are better in-  
structors of youth than monuments to individuals, for the success  
of a cause is never due to a few men, but to the great mass of hum-  
ble citizens, who shield their country with their naked breasts  
without the hope of fame or material reward.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

*Eugene Lemp*  
*Governor*

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

CHEYENNE, WYO

March 19<sup>th</sup> 1889

Gov Robt S Green.

Chairman & Committee of Governors

Centennial Memorial American Independence

at Philadelphia Pennsylvania

Trenton N. J.

My dear Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of "a fac simile copy of the book containing a History of the movement to erect in Philadelphia, the birth place of American Independence and the Constitution, a grand Memorial Monument to commemorate the great events of the first century of American Independence under the Constitution and the Resolutions of the Governors of the Thirteen original States on this subject"

I heartily indorse the Resolutions, heartily indorse the object to be obtained; heartily enter into the spirit, the broad patriotic spirit which prompted and has so far carried on the good work and will heartily give my official aid and assistance in the construction of a Monument the like of which has never graced the world before.

Were the legislature of Wyoming in session, I am sure there would be an earnest approval and a guarantee of hearty support

I am very Respectfully

Thomas Mosside  
Governor

Department of the Interior.

Boise City, Idaho, Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 1889

Governor Robert D. Green  
Chairman of Committee of Governors  
of Thirteen Original States,

Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 24<sup>th</sup> 1889. In relation to the plan and purposes of Commemorating the First Century of our Republican form of Government in America.

I most heartily approve and enclose the resolution and fully recognize the necessity and wisdom of erecting a Grand Monument to Commemorate for ever the great events of



American Independence  
and the first Century of Constitu-  
tional Government of the  
United States

I am very respectfully  
Yours Obedt. Servt.

Edward A. Stevenson  
Governor of Idaho



BOSTON, October 10th, 1888.

GOVERNOR ROBERT S. GREEN,

*Chairman of Governors' Committee of Thirteen Original States.*

DEAR SIR:—I have been made acquainted with the plan and purpose of commemorating the First Century of Republican Government in the United States, as presented and explained by Col. J. E. Peyton, of New Jersey; and I heartily sympathize in the patriotic sentiment which has inspired this enterprise; and should Congress authorize the necessary appropriation to carry it into effect, the result would be an historical monument of surpassing grandeur and a perpetual testimonial of the gratitude of this generation for the wisdom, patriotism and valor of the founders of this Republic.

I am, dear sir, with great respect,

Very truly yours,

ALEXANDER H. RICE.

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I heartily concur in the above expression of Governor Rice.

P. C. CHENEY.

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I also heartily add my concurrence.

C. R. INGERSOLL.

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I cheerfully concur in the letter of ex-Governor Rice in every respect.

J. D. BEDLE.

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I most heartily concur in the sentiments expressed by Governor Rice, and the plan presented by Colonel Peyton, and trust our children may see them accomplished.

September 13th, 1888.

HENRY LIPPITT.

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I most heartily approve the project as explained by Col. J. E. Peyton, of New Jersey.

J. F. HARTRANFT.

CARLISLE, NICHOLAS COUNTY, STATE OF KENTUCKY, August 10, 1889.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, ROBERT S. GREEN, *Governor of the State of New Jersey, and  
Chairman of the Committee of Governors of the Thirteen Original States.*

DEAR SIR:—The undersigned citizens of Nicholas County, State of Kentucky, have read with much pleasure the resolutions passed by the Legislature of the State of New Jersey, and those adopted by the Governors of the original Thirteen States at a meeting held in the Historic Hall of the Carpenters' Company, in the City of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, on the 28th day of April, 1888, and approved by the members of Congress representing the original Thirteen States in the Session of Congress that closed the First Century of Constitutional Government, as well as by the President of the United States and his Cabinet.

These resolutions we believe to be in harmony with the sentiments of the entire American people. These sentiments are naturally those of Kentuckians, whose ancestors, when in the County of Kentucky, were citizens of Virginia, and were forced to extinguish the smouldering embers of the Revolutionary struggle for independence, and who generously ceded to the people of the United States the territory North of the Ohio river, out of which five States have been created, now dotted over with populous towns and crowded cities, the prosperous and happy homes of millions of people. The people of all the States are united under a constitution wisely conceived and skilfully framed, just, wise and beneficent in its provisions, a guide to the representative, and a protection to the life and property of the citizen. No rights or privileges were reserved by the original Thirteen States that were not freely bestowed upon the States that have since been admitted into the Union.

The City of Philadelphia being the scene of these events has placed her conspicuously in the history of the World. It is evidently the appropriate place for the monument to be erected as indicated, and which in due respect to the memory of the men who met there and secured for us our independence and form of government, that it should be grand, imposing and majestic in character, a fit memorial to the men who began and of those who closed the first century of Constitutional Government.

To our fellow-countryman, Col. Jesse E. Peyton, a native of this county, and a descendant of one of the early settlers of the State of Kentucky, we tender our thanks and sympathies for his services in suggesting, inaugurating and promoting the celebrations that have been held to perpetuate the important events in the

history of our country, and to restore peace and fraternity to our people, and to remove all sectional prejudices and incidents of the civil war.

Resolved that an engrossed copy of this communication to his Excellency, the Governor of New Jersey, be forwarded to Col. Peyton, who is now a citizen of that State, to be presented to him in person.

Respectfully submitted.

H. CLAY METCALFE, Postmaster, Carlisle, Kentucky.  
 JOHN P. NOWELL, Judge of the Nicholas County Court.  
 G. R. KELLER, Editor and Publisher of the Carlisle Mercury.  
 E. R. HOUSE, Farmer.  
 JAMES A. FISHER, Commander, O. M. Lewis Post, No. 95, G. A. R.  
 H. W. HALL, Quartermaster, " " " "  
 THOMAS CLEMENTS, Adjutant, " " " "  
 JOHN KANNEALEY, S. V. Commander, " " " "  
 GEORGE OCKERMAN, J. V. " " " "  
 GEORGE W. McDONALD, O. D., " " " "  
 SAMUEL KIMES, I. G., " " " "  
 JOHN G. BLAIR, " " " "  
 JOHN W. CAMPBELL, Chaplain, " " " "  
 JOHN CASSIDY, Surgeon, " " " "  
 JAMES E. McILVAIN, Q. M. Sergeant, " " " "  
 JAMES DOUGHERTY, " " " "  
 ELIJAH PURCELL, " " " "  
 WILLIAM PURCELL, " " " "  
 M. L. D. BURRIS, " " " "  
 ROBERT SCOTT, " " " "  
 EDWARD PERRY, " " " "  
 DAVID BELL, " " " "  
 JAMES WARFORD, " " " "  
 JAMES HERNDON, " " " "  
 RICHARD BEVARD, " " " "  
 JOSEPH BLOUNT, " " " "  
 ANDREW J. BLOUNT, " " " "  
 Z. T. MORRIS, " " " "  
 WILLIAM OVERLY, " " " "  
 SAMUEL FUBACK, " " " "  
 THOMAS GEORGE, " " " "  
 JOHN H. PAYNE, " " " "  
 M. S. CADY, " " " "  
 BENJAMIN RITCHIE, " " " "  
 HARPER HUNT, " " " "  
 A. J. CLARK, " " " "  
 J. R. CONNELLY, Grocer, Carlisle, Kentucky.  
 I. A. CHAPPELL, Merchant, " "  
 H. B. CHAPPELL, Merchant, " "

H. C. REED, Druggist, Carlisle, Kentucky.  
 MALCOLM DILLS, M. D., Druggist, Carlisle, Kentucky.  
 T. P. TRUEMAN, Druggist, " "  
 J. W. B. LEE, Merchant, " "  
 SAMUEL K. VEACH, Merchant, " "  
 G. E. SMITH, Merchant, " "  
 L. T. POTTS, Merchant, " "  
 D. J. GLENN, Clerk Nicholas Circuit and Chancery Courts.  
 M. A. GLENN, Merchant, Carlisle, Kentucky.  
 H. M. TAYLOR, Clerk Deposit Bank, Carlisle, Kentucky.  
 SOL. ROBERTSON, Merchant.  
 J. H. FREY, Butcher and Grocer.  
 T. H. PICKRELL, Cashier Farmers' Bank.  
 WILLIAM NORTON.  
 J. K. WALLER, Deputy Collector Revenue, 7th District, Kentucky.  
 B. H. ROBINSON, County Attorney.  
 J. H. MINOGUE, Superintendent Public Instruction, Nicholas County.  
 C. M. WISE, Farmer, Nicholas County.  
 JOHN F. FIRTH, Merchant  
 H. C. KIMBROUGH, Proprietor Kimbrough House.  
 B. T. REYNOLDS, State Senator Nicholas, Harrison, and Robison Counties.  
 M. V. BOSTIAN, Merchant Miller.  
 W. J. KENNEDY, Merchant Miller.  
 GEORGE W. GRIMES, M. D.  
 JAMES L. DONNELL, Farmer, Nicholas County.  
 SETH McMAHILL, Merchant.  
 JAMES H. BARNETT, Mayor, Carlisle, Kentucky.  
 L. F. MANN, Representative Nicholas County.  
 JAMES MANN, Merchant.  
 J. C. GILLESPIE, Farmer.  
 SIDNEY CLAY, Farmer.  
 WILLIAM R. METCALFE, Age 16.  
 STERLING P. METCALFE, Age 13.







PROF. C. C. CLAYTON

AT THE HOTEL, WASHINGTON, D.C.

# RECEPTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CENTENNIAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

To the Governors of the Thirteen Original States, Wissahickon Inn, July 4th, 1889.

A meeting of the Governors of the Thirteen Original States, was held at Philadelphia, July 4th, 1889, in the rooms of Common Council, in Independence Hall.

Governor GREEN, of New Jersey, presided, and in the absence of Hampton L. Carson, Alexander P. Colesberry, was elected Secretary *pro tem.*, the following Governors or their representatives were present:

DELAWARE, - - - - -	Hon. THOMAS DAVIS.
PENNSYLVANIA, - . - - -	Gov. JAMES A. BEAVER.
NEW JERSEY, - - - - -	Gov. ROBERT S. GREEN.
MASSACHUSETTS, - - - - -	Col. W. J. TOWER.
MARYLAND, - - - - -	Gov. E. E. JACKSON.
VIRGINIA, - - - - -	Hon. WM. WIRT HENRY,
SOUTH CAROLINA, - - - - -	Hon. HUGH S. THOMPSON.
NEW YORK, - - - - -	Lieut. Gov. EDWARD F. JONES.
NORTH CAROLINA, - - - - -	Lieut. Gov. D. G. FOWLE.
RHODE ISLAND, - - - - -	Adj. Gen. ELISHA DYER, JR.

On motion of Governor JONES, seconded by Ex-Gov. THOMPSON, of South Carolina, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the CITIZENS' COMMITTEE OF PHILADELPHIA, having appointed an Executive Committee of thirteen, with full authority to act in all matters in connection with the Governors of the Thirteen Original States, this Executive Committee be invited to take part in the proceedings of this meeting.

On motion of Governor THOMPSON, seconded by ELIJAH DYER, of Rhode Island, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Executive Committee be requested to publish a second edition of the Resolution of April 28th, 1888, with a fac-simile copy of the Endorsement of Ex-President Cleveland and Cabinet, the endorsement of the Governors of the other States and Territories, and present a copy to all the Governors and each member of Congress.

On motion of Governor FOWLE, seconded by WM. WIRT HENRY, of Virginia, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Governors of all the States and Territories be requested to meet in person or by their representatives, to be appointed by the Governors, at Washington City, on the second Tuesday in December next, for the purpose of urging upon Congress the appropriation of a sum sufficient to secure the erection of a suitable monument in Philadelphia, commemorative of the Declaration of

Independence and of the first One Hundred Years of Constitutional History of the Government of the United States.

On motion of WM. WIRT HENRY, of Virginia, seconded by Governor JONES, of New York, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Executive Committee of THE CENTENNIAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION be requested to cause to be prepared a suitable memorial, and a proper bill to be presented to Congress, in furtherance of the erection of the proposed Memorial in the City of Philadelphia, commemorative of the Declaration of Independence and the first century of our Constitutional Government; said Memorial and Bill to be submitted to the adjourned meeting of Governors of States, to be held in Washington next December.

At this stage of the proceeding Governor JONES, of New York, together with Governor GREEN of New Jersey, presented Col. JESSE E. PEYTON with a handsome Memorial in token of their appreciation of the various centennial efforts. Col. PEYTON responded, and on motion this part of the proceedings was ordered to be engrossed and presented to Col. PEYTON, and attached thereto be appended the names of the Governors or their representatives.

Mr. WOODSIDE asked and obtained the consent of the Committee of Governors to have prepared and properly passed by the Courts, "Articles of Association, to Incorporate the Centennial Memorial Association of the United States."

On motion of Col. DYER, the thanks of the Committee of Governors were tendered to the Committee of Citizens of Philadelphia, for the cordial welcome and generous hospitality extended to us on this and the occasion of our former visit.

On motion of Governor JACKSON, of Maryland, the Committee adjourned to meet in Washington December 10th, 1889.

ALEX. P. COLESBERRY,  
*Secretary Pro-Tem.*

## PLANS FOR THE MEMORIAL MONUMENT.

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No action has been taken by the Committee of Governors in regard to any plans for the Monument;—several have been offered;—two of which are here presented as worthy of consideration. One by Col. JESSE E. PEYTON, of Haddonfield, N. J., the veteran promoter of all patriotic efforts to commemorate the noted events of the first century of Constitutional Government in the United States, and to whom the people of this country are largely indebted for all our Centennial Celebrations.

HADDONFIELD, N. J., July 7th, 1888.

J. W. WOODSIDE, *Chairman, Etc.*

DEAR SIR:—As requested, I herewith submit my views of a MEMORIAL MONUMENT to preserve conspicuously and permanently the important events of the first century of American Independence under Constitutional Government.—Population at that time 3,000,000.

It should consist of a grand Arch Entrance to Fairmount Park, which has been dedicated to the public by the City of Philadelphia, and embraces an important location in the history of our country, it being once the home of Robert Morris and others prominently identified with the early events in the history of our independence.

The site should be over Belmont Avenue, between where the Main Building and Machinery Hall stood when the Centennial Anniversary of the promulgation of the Declaration of American Independence was celebrated, in which all nations, governments, and provinces participated; a re-union of the people of all nations, without a parallel in the history of the world. The names of the officials representing each should be indelibly preserved.

As an impressive fact in history the structure should rest upon thirteen arches representing the original thirteen States. Each arch should be thirty feet in width, with the height in proportion, except that of Pennsylvania, that being

the centre should be forty feet. The six Southern States on the left as you enter the Park, and the six Northern on the right. Each of the original States should furnish the centre stone for the arch, with their Coat of Arms upon it.

It should be constructed with five columns carried up in connection with the masonry to a suitable height for bronze statues. The first should be the statue of Thomas Jefferson, holding the Declaration of Independence in his hand; the second, General Washington, with the sword; the next, Robert Morris, with the purse; Madison, with the Constitution, and Alexander Hamilton, with the Treasury. At the proper distance above these should be a grand arch worked into the structure, embracing all of the States admitted into the Union within the century; the Original Thirteen holding their central position. The width or depth of the arch should be thirty feet; its extent in length will cover four hundred feet, allowing thirty feet to each of the States, and forty to Pennsylvania. There should be galleries passing through each arch from one end of it to the other, occupying the four hundred feet. It should be arranged for niches to contain bronzed plates upon which should be in letters of relief, the History of Important Events of the Century, beginning with the First Congress that met in Carpenters' Hall, with the building illustrated. Bunker Hill, the names of the officers in command, and the number of troops engaged in the struggle. The Declaration of Independence, the autographs of the signers. The Battle of Yorktown, the American and French officers in command, with the number of troops—French and American—on the field. The Convention that framed the Constitution of the United States. President Washington, his Cabinet, and the first Congress under the Constitution. The date of the location of the Capital of the Nation by Congress in session in Philadelphia. The date of the abolition of slavery in the United States. The Centennial Commission and Board of Finance of 1876, with all nations and officials then represented. The Governors of the Original Thirteen States present on their respective State days, with the number present on each respective day.

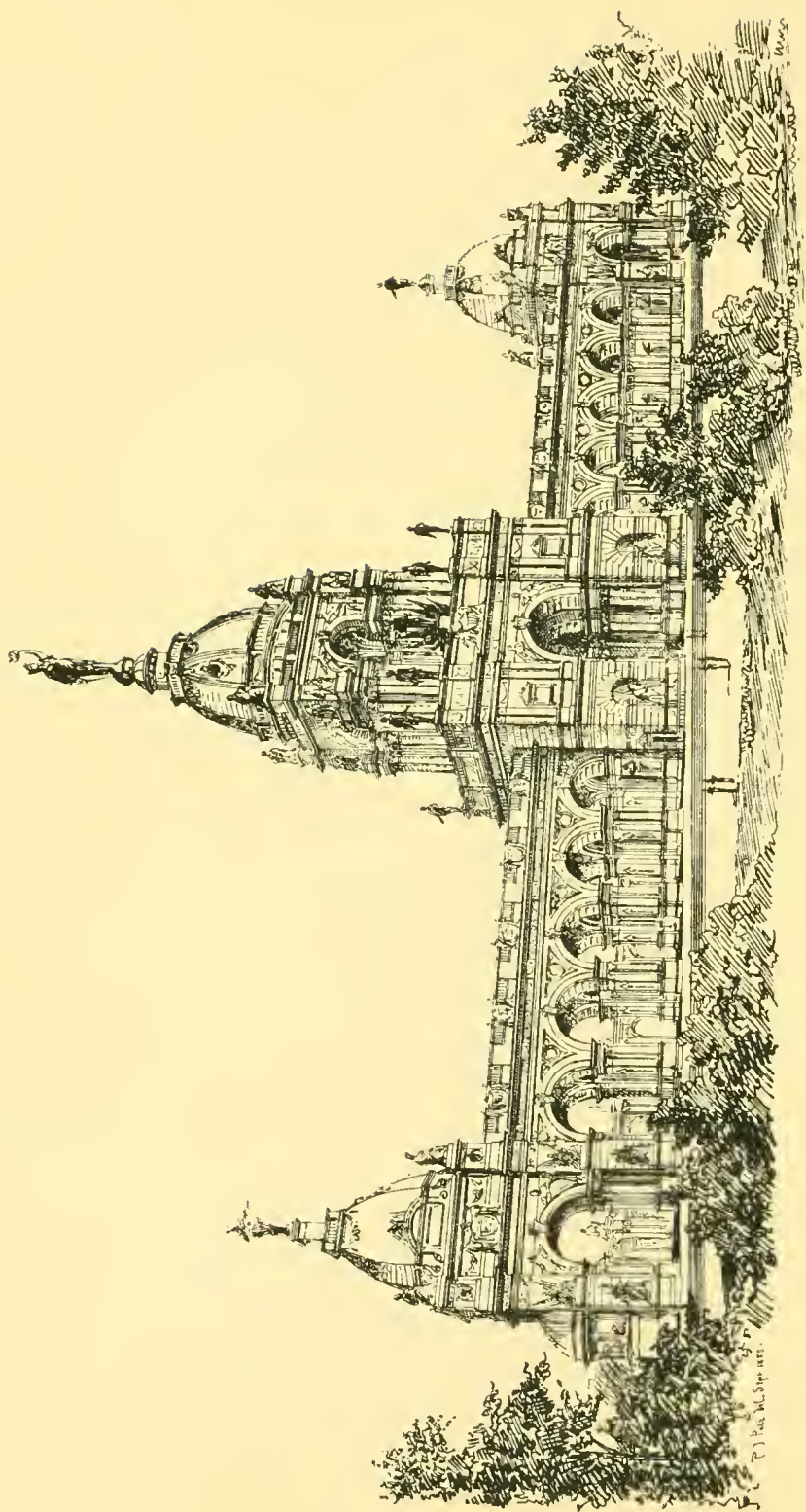
These events that made the result of the first century possible were conceived and brought forth in the City of Philadelphia. This line of events will end with the present administration and the Congress that closed the century, and will form a brief and impressive history to the thoughtful world. Population now, 65,000,000.

Yours very truly,

J. E. PEYTON.







The following plan is by the eminent architect, Mr. JOHN FRAZER, of Washington, D. C.:

*DESCRIPTION of Memorial Monument to preserve conspicuously and permanently the important events of the First Century of American Independence under Constitutional Government.*

The design submitted as a Centennial Memorial to commemorate the Adoption of the Constitution of the United States, will represent as a memorial, the first century of the American Union, and will be composed of two parts, one to represent its primary condition, and the other the subsequent additions, the two forming a unit.

Facing the East, and with its longitudinal axis due North and South, will be the main structure, representing the original Thirteen States, placed in their geographical order, each State being represented by an arch, the centre being the Keystone State, surmounted by a dome, which will represent the moral and intellectual structure of the Union towering high above individual States, thus representing its supremacy over any of the component parts.

The two extreme Northern and Southern Arches are also surmounted by domes representing the special development of the two great geographical divisions; they are in size and design subordinate to the great centre dome, but by their weight and position in the design, buttress and augment the same, and also add to their grandeur by comparison. Both of these domes are crowned by the figures of the genii of the respective sections. On their corner buttresses there will be sitting allegorical figures representing peaceful pursuits, viz:—Agriculture, Horticulture, Mining, Commerce, Manufacture, Navigation, Literature and the Fine Arts. The buttresses will bear trophies, and near the base will be groups of typical aborigines.

The State arches will rest upon massive piers, which in either

depth will be ornamented by inscription tablets for the names of Governors, other State Officers and distinguished citizens generally, together with events in the history of each State.

Each State arch will have above its entablature the coat of arms, supported and flanked by heraldic figures.

The centre portion of the structure which contains the arch of the Keystone State will have, in the broad piers at the base, four historical rivers of the original States, represented by groups of figures and fountains.

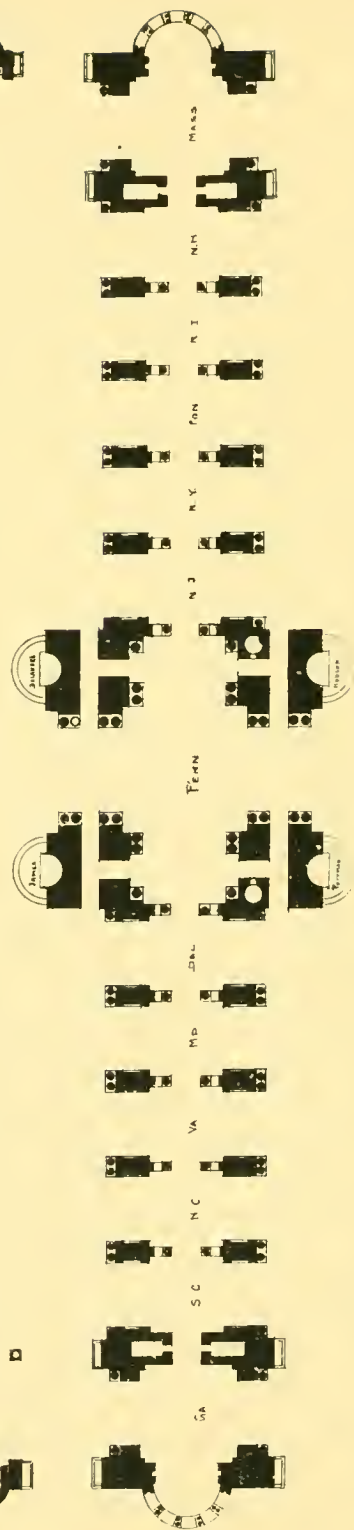
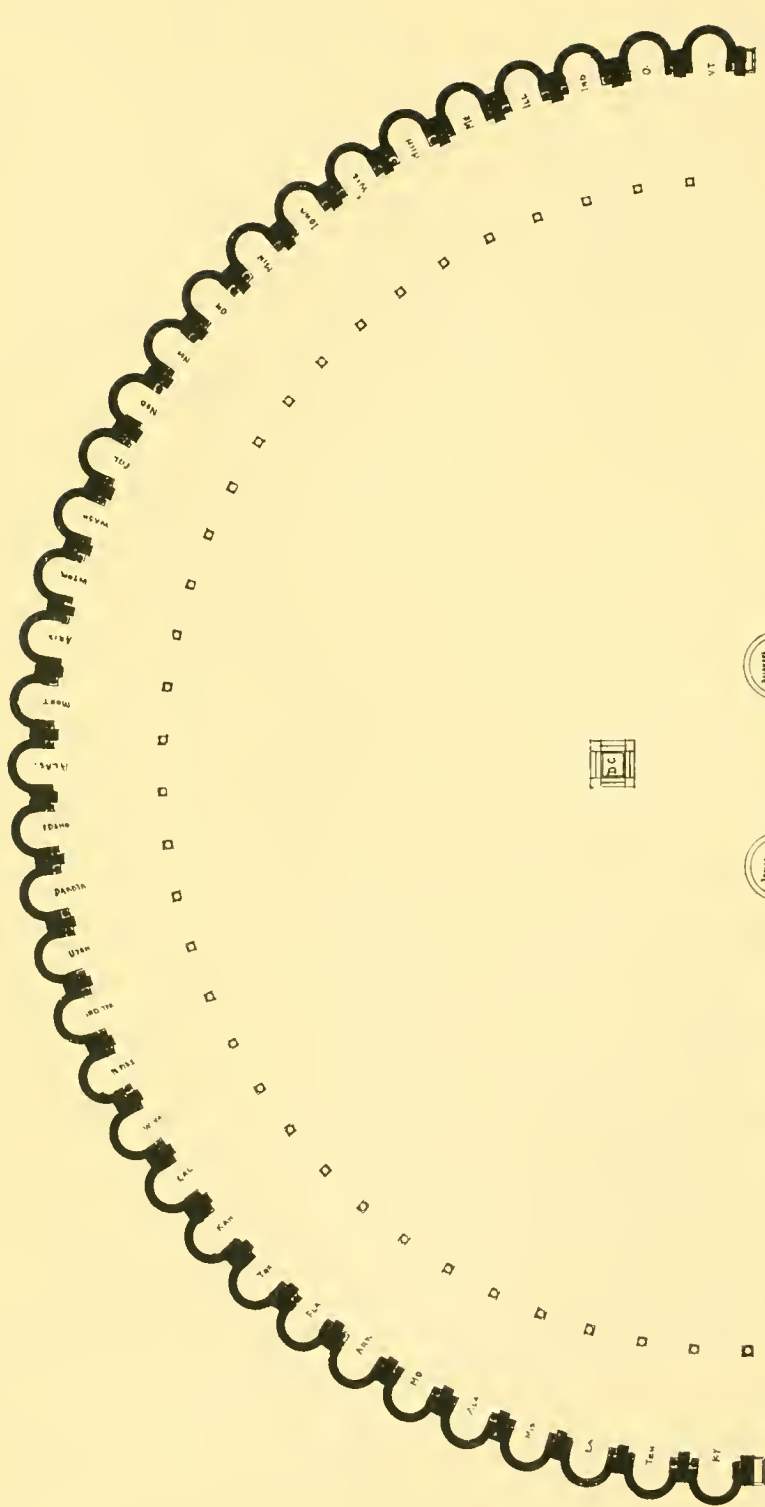
In the line of the longitudinal axis, all the State arches will be connected by openings, thus forming an extended arcade, terminated at either end by a semi-circular apsis. Where the long and short axis of the structure intersect, in its very centre, there will be placed a tall monument to commemorate the Centennial Exhibition of 1876.

On the main buttress piers of the centre structure there will be placed the statues of Thomas Jefferson holding the Declaration of Independence in his hands, General Washington with his sword, amid trophies of war; Robert Morris with the purse; Madison with the Constitution, and Alexander Hamilton representing the Treasury.

A sufficient number of bronze tablets are provided in the State arches for inscribing the history of important events of the century beginning with the First Congress that met in Carpenters' Hall, Philadelphia, with the building illustrated; Bunker Hill, the names of the officers in command and the number of troops engaged in the struggle; the Declaration of Independence, the autographs of the signers; the Battle of Yorktown, the American and French Officers in command, with the number of troops, French and American, on the field; the Convention that framed the Constitution of the United States; President Washington, his Cabinet, and the first Congress under the Constitution.

The date of the admission of each State into the Union, with







its first Governor and the present Governor that closed the century; the date of the Abolition of Slavery in the United States; the Centennial Celebration of 1876, all Governments and Provinces present and participated, with the name of the official of each.

The Governors of the original Thirteen States present in respect to the memory of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence from their respective States, with the number present each day. The Administration and Congress that closed the century. The date at the time Washington was selected as the site for the Capital of the United States, which was done by Congress in session at Philadelphia. These events all had their conception and birth in the city of Philadelphia, and belonged to the century, and make Philadelphia the appropriate place for such a memorial as has been designed. Its value to the public it is thought would be beyond that of any library now in existence.

The central dome will be buttressed by eight couples of columns, carrying pedestals and figures of as many groups of Militiamen, Sailors, etc., as may be suggested hereafter. On the terminal points of these buttress piles will be four allegorical figures representing Political Liberty, Religious Liberty, Justice and Equality.

The crowning dome will be surmounted by a colossal figure of Columbia as a supreme culmination of the structure.

Towards the west, and near this structure will be a monument of moderate size—the District of Columbia represented by a sitting figure; in front of the pedestal, facing west, there will be a rostrum from which the multitude filling the court, hereafter described, may be addressed.

The court will have the shape of a semi-circle, of which the base is formed by the structure for the original Thirteen States; the arc is formed by a continuous series of twenty-five niches, representing so many States and Territories, and placed in the order of their admission, and grouped as Northern and Southern States; from the end original States.

The States and Territories to have Coats of Arms, Inscription Tablets, etc. A wide concentric walk connect the whole.

Thus the Union is represented by a uniform and harmonious structure. First complete in itself, but, passing the period of its infancy, gradually enlarging until the end of the cycle of a hundred years, an arch is formed resting on a basis of the original structure, and all crowned by the great fabric reared by our forefathers and preserved and purified by the great men of the generation just passing away.

In the centre of the Grand Court it is designed to erect a suitable fire-proof building for the safe keeping and preservation of the original of the Constitution, and for Reception Rooms, Offices, etc.

JOHN FRASER,

WASHINGTON, D. C., *September, 1888.*

*Architect.*

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— OF —

AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE

UNDER CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT.

LENGTH OF MAIN ARCADE FRONT, . . . . .	520 FEET.
“ “ “ OVER ALL, . . . . .	552 “
CENTRE PART (SQUARE), . . . . .	104 “
END PAVILIONS, . . . . .	56 x 64 “
DEPTH OF COLONADE IN STATE ARCHES, . . . . .	60 “
WIDTH OF EACH OF THE TWELVE ARCHES, . . . . .	24 FEET; HEIGHT, 48 “
“ CENTRE ARCH, . . . . .	32 “ “ 64 “
HEIGHT OF PAVILIONS, . . . . .	160 “
“ CENTRE STRUCTURE, . . . . .	300 “
DIAMETER OF COURT, . . . . .	520 “
SIZE OF STATE AND TERRITORY NICHES, . . . . .	13 x 26 “
HEIGHT OF ARCADE CONTAINING THESE NICHES, . . . . .	40 “

At the request of Gov. ROBERT S. GREEN, Chairman of the Committee of Governors, a meeting of the citizens of Philadelphia was called at the Union League, January 14th, 1888, to form a Committee to aid the Governors in their efforts to carry out their resolution of April 28th, 1888. Gov. JAMES A. BEAVER presided, and the following Committee was appointed, with the Hon. EDWIN H. FITLER, Mayor of Philadelphia, as Permanent Chairman; WM. H. STAAKE, Esq., Secretary, and FRANCIS W. KENNEDY, Treasurer.

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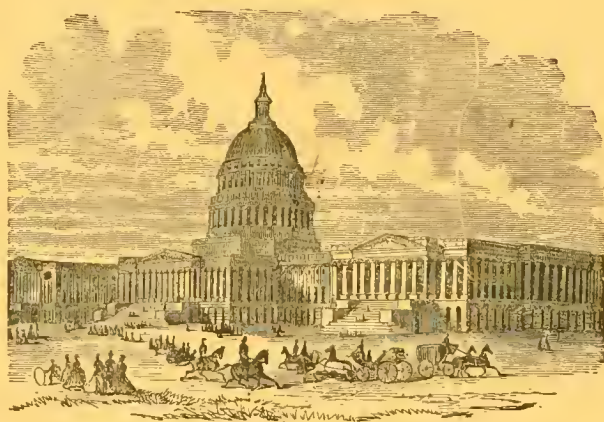
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